AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions and listings of the claims. The status of each claim is indicated. Amendments are shown with additions underlined and deletions in ~~strikethrough~~ text. No new matter is added by these amendments

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method of backing up personal data of a wireless communication network subscriber, the personal data being ~~memorized~~ stored within a mobile communication device and backed up within a network server, wherein said method includes an asynchronous backup mode ~~in which,~~ comprising:

~~once the mobile communication device has divided~~ dividing a given batch of data to be backed up into a plurality of subsets,

~~prepared~~ transmitting a first subset of data from the plurality of subsets of the given batch of data ~~and transmitted the first subset of data~~ to a network server for backing up,

delaying the backup ~~is delayed~~ by a predetermined period of time, so as to free the mobile communication device for a user of the mobile communication device, and

resuming the backup of said given batch of data by transmitting at least one other subset of data from the plurality of subsets of the given batch of data ~~subsequent to the first subset of data is resumed~~ to the network server at the end of said predetermined period of time.

12. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein, in order to resume the backup, the network server implements a countdown of a period of time and sends a resume signal to a chip card in the mobile communication device at the end of said predetermined period of time.

13. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 11, wherein, in order to resume the backup, the mobile communication device implements a countdown of a period of time and sends a resume signal to a chip card in the mobile device at the end of said predetermined period of time.

14. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 13, wherein the mobile communication device implements the countdown and sends the resume signal upon receiving an instruction from the chip card.

15. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the chip card gives said instruction to the mobile communication device by sending it a Subscriber Identity Module toolkit ("STK") command.

16. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 14, wherein the chip card gives said instruction to the mobile communication device by sending it a "GET STATUS" command.

17. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 11, further comprising a prior assessment step in which a volume of the data to be backed up or

a corresponding waiting time required to make the mobile communication device available to the user is determined and compared to a predetermined threshold,

- when the volume of the data is higher than the predetermined threshold, the backup is performed according to the asynchronous backup mode,

- and, when the volume of the data is not higher than the predetermined threshold, the backup is carried out according to a default mode.

18. (Currently Amended) A server device for backing up personal data of a wireless communication network subscriber, the personal data having been previously ~~memorized~~ stored within a mobile communication device and divided into a plurality of subsets,

wherein said server device is configured to backup ~~a first subset of data from the plurality of subsets~~ a given batch of data according to an asynchronous mode, such that the server device:

- receives and saves [[the]] a first subset of data from the given batch of data and enters a waiting time mode according to a delay instruction,

- and resumes the backup [[of]] by receiving and saving at least one other subset of data from the plurality of subsets of the given batch of data ~~subsequent to the first subset of data~~ at the end of the waiting time.

19. (Currently Amended) A portable communication device belonging to a wireless communication network subscriber, said portable communication device comprising at least one memory for ~~memorizing~~ storing data,

wherein said portable communication device comprises means for backing up data ~~includes~~ by dividing a given batch of data to be backed up into a plurality of

subsets and, said means for backing up data transmitting a first subset of data from the plurality of subsets ~~among a~~ of the given batch of data to be backed up to a server device for backing up, and

said means for backing up data is arranged, according to an asynchronous backup mode, to:

- delay by a predetermined period of time the backup of at least one other subset of data from the plurality of subsets ~~that is subsequent to the first subset~~ of the given batch of data, so as to ensure that a user of the portable communication device may use the portable communication device,

- and resume the backup [[of]] by transmitting at least one other subset of data from the plurality of subsets of the given batch ~~subsequent to the first subset~~ of data to the server device at the end of the predetermined period of time.

20. (Previously Presented) The portable communication device according to claim 19, wherein said portable communication device selectively operates according to an asynchronous backup mode and a normal mode.